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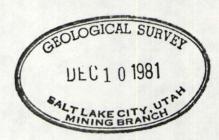
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Allen L. Vance
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Office of the Area Mining Supervisor
Administration Building Room 2040
1745 West 1700 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

Re: American Gilsonite Co.
     Mining Plan U-0126940
     Uintah County, Utah

Dear Sir:

In reference to the above mine plan, we have the following recommendations:

1. There will be no burying or burning of trash on the lease.

2. All storage areas and facilities which present a possible safety hazard will be fenced.

3. No access roads other than those proposed in the mine plan will be constructed.

4. Permanent roads will be crowned and sufficient borrow ditches construct- ed to allow for adequate drainage.

5. Access across existing drainages will be non-restrictive to natural flow.

6. Those areas where disturbance is temporary, will be ripped and reseeded according to a prescribed seed mixture as they no longer become needed.

7. All cut slopes shall be no steeper than 3:1 and fill slopes shall not exceed a 2:1 ratio.

8. Those areas where toxic gases are being vented shall be signed as necessary.

The BLM Bookcliffs Resource Area Manager or his representative should be contact- ed at least 48 hours before construction activity begins.

Upon completion of operations all surface structures including concrete pads will be removed and the ground scarified and reseeded.

GS IS THE SOUL CONTACT EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION! (E.O. 2948) WE CAN CONTACT BLM.

Sincerely

Lloyd Ferguson
District Manager

An endangered flora inventory of Little Emma Federal Lease revealed
no plants on the proposed threatened and endangered species list. No
species are expected to be found there with the possible exception of
Sclerocactus glaucus. No barrel or hedgehog type cactus should be
disturbed without having a qualified Botanist making a positive
identification.

John L. England
Botanist